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The Season's Greetings
and Wishes for
A Happy and Prosperous
New Year to All



McNair Bros.

Stores at Mirror and Bashaw

XMAS GIFTS

Our Stock comprises an assortment of Specially Priced Goods which would be appreciated by all. Check over the following suggestions:

Flashlights

\$1.75 and up. Complete with Battery and Bulb.

Pocket Knives

50c to \$3.00, all different styles and shapes. These are traveller's samples and are exceptional values.

Pyrex Ware

Baking Dishes, Pie Plates, Casseroles, Bean Pots.

10 p.c. Off all above lines from now till Xmas.

Skates

All sizes. Boy's Hockey Skates, \$1.75. Boy's Clump Skates, \$1.75. See these lines.

Ocedar Mops

Complete, \$2.00 each. The kind you can take off and wash.

Children's Sleighs

\$1.00 to \$4.50. Your inspection invited.

Many other
Xmas Lines

WISHING YOU, ONE AND ALL A
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A
HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS
NEW YEAR

Spiece & Son

Phone 15 Mirror P.O. Box 15

FIRE DESTROYS BARN AND GARAGE

Fire of a mysterious origin completely destroyed the barn and garage of J. J. Cairns, in Mirror, only last Friday morning. Mr. Cairns was awakened about 3.15 by the light from the fire and 30 minutes later the building was practically demolished. The fire alarm was rung and a number of townspeople made their appearance at the scene, but quite a few knew nothing of the blaze until the next morning.

No person seems to know just how the fire started. Mr. Cairns put his car in the garage at six o'clock the previous evening, and at ten o'clock everything appeared all right. The suggestion that the fire started through a short circuit, is not borne out, owing to the fact that after the fire the horn on the car could be sounded.

The loss to Mr. Cairns is most unfortunate, the barn being valued at \$400 and the contents at \$800, with no insurance. Besides the car, two guns and a quantity of other valuable property was lost.

Last summer this same car was partly destroyed by fire when Mr. Cairns was out burning stubble. The wind changed suddenly and before it was noticed the car was ablaze.

MIRROR WILL HAVE FAST HOCKEY TEAM

The Mirror hockey team is rounding into shape and several good practices have taken place on the local rink. Wednesday evening of last week the "Newcomers" managed to get one better than the "Old Timers," the score being 4 to 3 at the end of the game. Monday evening of last week, two teams were out for a work-out, and a merry clip was kept up for over an hour. With the players available this winter Mirror should be able to turn out the best team it has ever had, the only difficulty being to get the teams to play with.

Next Thursday Mirror will tackle the strong Delbourne aggregation on their own pond, and a return game will take place in Mirror on New Year's afternoon. A game may be arranged before that date, if a team can be found to play Mirror a visit.

DON'T MISS THIS

Have you bought your ticket for the school entertainment in the Grand theatre, Mirror, on Thursday evening, December 21st? The programme will consist of dialogues, drills, songs, choruses, vocal selections by an important Jazz band, one real boxing match (of the kids get angry enough) and a humorous one also. To give good measure a two-act play "Christmas on the Farm" will be offered. Reserved seats are now on sale at McNair Bros. store at 10c each, and as standing room will be at a premium it will be wise to reserve your seat early. Proceeds will be devoted to the purchase of athletic goods for the scholars. Don't fail to see this high-class display of local juvenile talent.

WHIST DRIVE A SUCCESS

A very successful whist drive was held in the library building by the Mirror Library Club on Wednesday evening of last week. There were 13 tables of card players and the lady's prize was won by Mrs. H. G. Williams, and the gentlemen's by E. E. Estell. Miss Leota Hamilton and Leo L. Ray carried off the consolation prizes. The first prizes were presented for competition by one of the members of the club, Mrs. W. C. McLaughlin, and were two hand knitted scarfs. A special lunch was served at the conclusion of the drive.

Do your Xmas shopping now.

"AT HOME" IS MUCH ENJOYED

The second annual Masonic "At Home" given by the officers and members of Ancient Landmark Lodge, No. 109, A.F. & A.M., last Friday evening in the Grand theatre, Mirror, was a most enjoyable affair. The floor was comfortably filled with dancers and the music supplied by the Wilson orchestra of Stettler was first-class. Those who were not inclined towards tripping the light fantastic, spent the evening in social chat and card playing.

The committees in charge had worked incessantly to make everything pertaining to the "At Home" as comfortable and pleasant as possible, with the result that the pleasures of the evening went forward without a hitch of any kind.

The theatre was decorated with shields and streamers in colors of the order and presented a pleasing appearance. The supper, which was served in the town hall, was handled by the Ladies' Aid and was on a par with their usual high standard.

Many expressed their appreciation of the evening's programme and the members of the craft feel amply repaid for their efforts in promoting this annual function.

60,000 BUS. GRAIN SHIPPED FROM DISTRICT

Most of the grain in the Mirror district has been marketed this year and the Security Elevator Co. has closed their elevator at the Lamerton siding although D. M. Jewell, the buyer, is ready to buy any still-Despites the poor crops in this locality over 60,000 bushels of grain shipped through the elevators, the Gillespie handling over 50,000 of this amount. Grains from the Mirror, Lake and from near Nevis hauled grain to the Lamerton siding, states Mr. Jewell.

REAL WINTER WEATHER

The past few weeks has been exceedingly cold and the thermometer has been dropping at nights to around the 25 and 35 degrees below. The days have also been rather chilly and Monday was the first day during the period that was in any ways agreeable. A year ago the weather was much the same, the mild spell setting in after Christmas and lasting for three weeks.

In commenting on the weather the Calgary Albertan says: Weather prophets do not expect any immediate amelioration in the cold weather, owing to the fact that the shortest day of the year rapidly is approaching, and this period generally is one of the coldest of the year. It is expected that the change of month will not materially affect the weather, and real Alberta cold, with plenty of snow, is predicted for the yuletide season.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Birley and family, Kathleen, Denzil and Balfour, have moved from their farm at Lamerton to Pletty, Okanagan, B. C., where they will assist Pym Bros. on Capt. Duwater's farm. Mrs. Birley having charge of the poultry department, and Mr. Birley helping with the dairy end of the business. Mrs. Birley's sister, Miss Otto, accompanied them. Their farm here has been leased to John Rasmussen for three years, and Mrs. Rasmussen and children have moved into the house. The many friends of the Birley family will wish them every success in the Okanagan.

E. G. Doolittle, of Red Willow, has opened a barber shop in the building vacated by Fred C. Hazell. Mr. Doolittle and son have also taken up their residence here.

We are
Santa Claus'
Headquarters
for
Gift Suggestions



The Compliments of the Season
to Everyone

Devereaux Drug Co.
MIRROR, ALTA.

NEW SHIPMENTS OF GOODS AND CHRISTMAS CONFECTIONERY RECEIVED THIS WEEK

TO THE RESIDENTS OF MIRROR AND DISTRICT:

We take this opportunity of announcing that we are steadily increasing our Stock with New Shipments to supply your wants. Our aim is to supply you with the best goods at a low price. We have just received more Xmas Chocolates, Candies and Nuts.

Come in and investigate our Stock, you will find our prices right.

We Wish You a Merry Christmas and
A Happy and Prosperous New Year

J. G. KROFT

Old Postoffice Bldg. Mirror

Christmas
Gifts.....

Gifts
That
Last



Ladies' Watches, all the latest shapes. Gent's Watches, in all sizes and grades. Rings, Brooches, Bracelets, Pearl Necklaces, Silverware, Cut Glass, Community Plate, French Ivory. Toys for the Children.

We handle the APEN RECORDS, two sides, can be played on any disc machine, each..... 75c
200 Needles, will fit any machine..... 25c

GIVEN FREE

With every Dollar Purchase an envelope containing a number. The holders of the Lucky Numbers will receive one of the following:

1st Premium: Single Stone Diamond Ring, value, \$55.
2nd Premium: Ladies' Gold Filled Wrist Watch, value \$30
3rd Premium: Gent's Gold Filled Wrist Watch, value \$25

See the Premiums

A. COMMON - Mirror
G.T.P. and C.N.R. Time Inspector

MIRROR - MEAT - MARKET

Special Xmas Meats and Poultry

For the Holiday Season we will have some Choice GRAIN-FED BEEF. Special Beef and Pork Tenderloins. ALL TURKEYS, GEESSE and CHICKENS. SUET and MINCE MEAT for Puddings and Pies

Order NOW and get the Choicest in the Shop

IAN KERR, Prop., Mirror

Improvement Of Trade

Canada in Much Better Financial
Conditions Than Most
Countries

Canada has harvested a splendid crop and is now in a position to supply the world with a surplus of wheat. As the money reaches the producer and then begins to radiate again through all branches of trade and industry, business undoubtably will have a great improvement.

Some disappointment has been expressed that there has been no great improvement in business but some consolation may be obtained that the improvement which has already occurred is much greater than in other places, especially the United States. Henry Howard, President of the Imperial Bank, in addressing the shareholders the other day expressed himself joyously as to the condition of the country. As he enumerated them they were rigid economy and immigration. He might just add to these, falls in the future and low work.

The following quotation taken from the Boston News Bureau is the best indication as to conditions prevailing in the United States and it will be observed that in many respects Canada is in a far better position than her neighbor to the south:

"Agricultural condition in the West are slowly improving, according to reports from leading banks in Minnesota, Iowa, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming in letters recently sent out by National Bank of Commerce."

Complaints of extravagance on the part of the farmer are general. One banker said, "I believe the wheat crop is the best in the history of the country. It takes a good bit of wheat crop at fairly good prices to put in the automobiles and gasoline and in Kansas and there seems to be no way to stop this waste except through the bettering of the farmer. We find, however, a tendency to a large number of communities to go back to raising chickens, hogs, etc." "I am sure they have been moving to get to the kind of work because they wanted to raise again in their automobiles."

"There is an equally general complaint about our shipping. It is said that in the southwest car shortage is acute. One banker said conditions were the worst on the Rock Island there and that they probably would not catch up for 90 or 100 days."

"In some communities it is claimed farmers have trucked their grain to the earliest possible moment and in using the proceeds to liquidate the indebtedness of the farm. This guidance issue have been appreciably reduced compared with a year ago and money conditions are easier."

However, letters received from large amount of paper will have to be raised for some time.

"There are not as all satisfied with conditions, but there is probably less tendency toward radicalism than existed a year ago. This is some disposition to blame the Federal Reserve act for prevailing conditions, and the possibility of a revival of "cheap money" policies is not a factor that led the Federal Reserve act to be evidence."

Apparently farmers are feeding more cattle and hogs and are giving more than to chickens, cows, etc. than for some time and it is the general belief a clear indication that these affairs will result in considerable profit to the agriculturist.

"Collections are better and deposits are increasing. On the whole, while there are some pessimists, the outlook is fairly encouraging."—Press.

When Sea Captain Loses Command

The captain of a great Atlantic liner is popularly supposed to be a supreme autocrat—his word is law. Yet when he comes ashore and New York harbor and a pilot is taken on at night the captain is reduced to a mere passenger. The pilot is the captain's superior. The pilot is the captain's superior. The pilot is the captain's superior.

Father and Son Win Prizes

Little and son have won the two principal prizes in French Premium Dog Showings in connection with the last of the summer season. The prize was a gold medal. The prize was a gold medal. The prize was a gold medal.

Boats reach naturally taken

Boats reach naturally taken as rapidly under electric light as in daylight hours.

North of Hudson Bay

There are 40,000 square miles of practically unknown territory.

Race Track Betting

By Dr. J. A. Shearer, Social Service

Another betting season on the race tracks has come and gone and the results so far as Ontario is concerned are published by the Government.

The total money wagered in the season of 1920, 1921 and 1922, on the race tracks in Ontario was:

1920 \$12,462,000

1921 \$15,275,200

1922 \$14,241,000

We have not the figures for Quebec for 1920, 1921 or 1922 were \$11,000,000 and for 1921, \$10,000,000. They are probably not much different for 1922.

This remark will apply also to the other provinces. The total money wagered in Canada this year will probably be about \$55,000,000, which will be \$12,000,000 less than the 1921 total.

The whole difference being in Ontario. This constitutes a serious handicap on legitimate business. In addition to this money there is a great deal of money wasted literally with handbooks used in shops, stores, peddlers, hotels, restaurants, etc., which is no one can know but which is estimated to be probably as much as that wasted legally on the race tracks. It continues through the year, the loss being shared and runs anywhere on the continent. In winter bets are placed on races in the south and in Mexico, where that the horse racing season is closed.

One of the most serious handicaps on legitimate business in Canada is the result of 11 days in summer on each race track.

That why there is a drop of \$12,000,000 in Ontario this year as compared with last? It is mainly due to two causes.

First, the racing season was closed by the Ontario Government on all money wagered which noted \$2,500,000 in addition to those on the tracks.

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George H. Ham Has A New Book

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author book. The book is

known as "The New Book".

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SAT. EVE'ING **TOM MIX** **DEC'BER 23rd**

IN
'The ROUGH DIAMOND'
— ALSO —
'BREAKING THROUGH'
Mutt and Jeff Cartoons

GRAND THEATRE, MIRROR

THE CLUB POOL HALL
AND
BARBER SHOP
(NEXT DOOR MIRROR GARAGE)

POOL AND SNOOKER TABLES
TOBACCOS, CIGARS AND SOFT DRINKS
C. Ray, Barber. Entirely New Outfit

W. SEARS MIRROR, ALTA.

ALBERTA CAFE

Soft Drinks, Candies, Chocolates
Cigars and Tobaccos
Meals and Lunches at All Hours.

Yee Lee, Prop. MIRROR, ALTA.

Fred Hoffman of Tees, spent the week-end with his sister, Mrs. E. E. Estell.

Only four more shopping days till Christmas.

Mirror Barber Shop

R. SIDEBOTTOM

St. Monica's Church
Rev. M. Peart, M.A., Rector.

Sunday, Dec. 24th—Evensong at 7:30 o'clock.
Christmas Day—Holy Communion, 11 a.m.

Union Church
D. J. Wilson, Minister

Sunday, Dec. 24th, 1922, 11 a.m., Sunday School. All boys and girls invited.
Ripley School—Service at 2:30 p.m.
Evening Service, Mirror—At 7:30 o'clock; Song Service commencing at 7:15 o'clock. Everybody welcome.

Overland and Chevrolet Service Station

E. E. ESTELL
MIRROR GARAGE

Oxy-Acetylene Welding

WE WISH EVERYONE A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

No matter how large or how small

Get H. LYNN to conduct that Sale

PHONE 28 **ERSKINE, ALTA.**

Go To **The White Lunch**
For Good Eats
Home Cooking a Specialty

Also The **Mirror Billiard Parlor**
For a good Game. Tables in fine shape

J. R. BRACKNEY - Prop.
Mirror, Alberta

A Word In Season

PERHAPS nothing that touches us is so much a gauge to our life and thinking as our attitude toward Christmas. Many of us would dodge it if we could. We find it difficult to maintain a frame of mind that matches the idea. We are not the least bit merry nor do we see much reason for merriment anywhere around us. We would rather be quiet. Our means are so limited for the kind of present giving that seems to be the thing today. Perhaps we would like to forget altogether about Christmas and have a real turn of the moping-molly-grubs. Perhaps we have gone to the door on a cold evening about three times to listen to say, "No thank you. I do not want any Christmas post-cards or tags" and then go back to our chair to feel mean at turning the kids away so curtly.

Perhaps it is deeper than that, we remember friends who seem to have forgotten us; at any rate they show no signs of remembrance. It may be that we are hurt at the manner in which this sacred festival has been commercialized, or perhaps no friendly door opens to us. We're fed up anyway. But don't be in a hurry to utter a wholesale condemnation upon life and the times. Get hold of your Dickens again. Turn to Christmas tales. Get a little sense of the dark dampness of Marley's ghost, say a little while with Bob Cratchit. Spend the day with the family and you are almost sure to say with Tiny Tim "God Bless us every one."

It is moving along to two thousand years since a certain baby came into the world. It doesn't matter for the moment that you do not believe that He was the Son of God. There is no doubt that He came and that with Him came a new order of things. The circumstances surrounding His birth were humble enough to satisfy the most romantic mind. He had what we should describe today as a hard road. For two or three years after he attained to manhood His life was a flash of bewildering brightness upon the dark shadows of men's lives. Before men managed to put Him to death He succeeded in making an indelible impression upon the hearts of a small group of men and women. In the course of more than nineteen centuries that impression has expanded and deepened. It has touched millions of lives. Not all of those touched have become saints. But if there is anything in finite or eternal in the hearts of men today, if there is hope for the world, if the "heaven of man" and a time that is permanently better is to come it must come along the lines laid down by Him whose attitude toward men was one of compassion and active love. Perhaps you are out of tune with ordinary religious activity, but don't get out of the current of the world's best movements. These are toward better and more lasting things. The influence of Jesus is the greatest and most potent influence in the world today. We have no better teacher or example. You may not have any reason to be particularly happy because the calendar says December 25th, but you should be very glad that the idea of peace and goodwill has not vanished altogether. It is a good sign that the greatest nations in the world talk in their talks of acknowledging the importance of the season. So even if you are unable to go the length of a "merry" Christmas, at least don't be especially dejected. Even though we forget the carol, let us not forget the season. We may not admire all the trappings but we must not detract from the spirit.

OVERSEER.

The Mirror Journal
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Local And District News

A wedding on the tapis.

G. J. and Ross Estell were Calgary visitors for several days last week.

Clarence Ray re-opened the barber shop in the Club Pool and Billiard Hall.

Miss Dorothy Downswell has accepted a position in the general store of J. G. Krott.

J. R. Brackney left last Friday for Wild Rose, Wisconsin, on account of the serious illness of his mother, who suffered a paralytic stroke. Mrs. Brackney, Sr., is getting well on in years.

Mrs. W. J. Bellantyne and children, Art and Jean, went to Edmonton on Monday. Art will attend the annual banquet given by The Edmonton Journal for their newboys throughout the province.

The Mirror 1922 council will meet some time this month to wind up the past year's business. They meet again on the 3rd of January when the reins of office will be turned over to the new council.

Ian Kerr was a Stettler visitor last Tuesday.

Mrs. A. Common is recovering from a bad cold.

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